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l. After six weeks of postponements, Andrei M. Dorofeev, Soviet Vice-Consul of Tientsin, arrived in Tsingtao on 24 December.

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Note: It was reported on 24 October that Soviet Consul Kurdukov would arrive in Tsingtao from Tientsin on 6 or 7 November)

Dorofeev is staying at the home of Lelchitsky, the Chairman of the Soviet Association of Tsingtao and has set up his headquarters at the office of the Soviet Association. He will stay approximately three weeks.

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3. Two or three Chinese "tail" him constantly.

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Note: On 20 December an officer of the Tsingtao Garrison Command told an American observer that the Chinese Police planned to annoy the Soviet consular representative as much as possible through constant surveillance.)

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Derefeev has stated that the Soviets plan retribution against those Russians who have renounced their desire for Soviet citizenship after submitting application for it.

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Note: It was previously reported that by 20 November ten notices had been printed in the Tsingtao English-language paper, "The People's Herald", announcing cancellation of requests for passports.

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- Although Dorofeev has been occupied principally with the exchange of temporary certificates of Soviet citizenship for passports and with registration of births. deaths, and marriages, he has made the following statements on current vital topics:
 - The Dairen incident (in which three Americans on board an American LCI were not allowed to land in Dairen and the ship was ordered by the Soviet authorities to leave) is of negligible importance and does not jeopardize United States-Soviet relations. On the other hand the Soviet authorities were acting within their rights and the captain of the LCI was wrong.
 - b. Soviets who have allowed passports to lapse in order to obtain Chinese citizenship must have Loscow clearance before the change will be recognized by the

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